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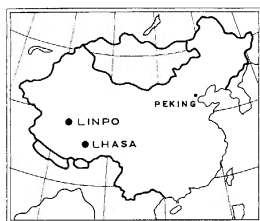
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1. Evidence of oil exploration in Tibet was first observed on photography of [redacted] in both the Lhasa and the Lin-po areas (Figure 1).



2. The Lhasa Probable Oilfield [redacted]

located at 29-44-50N 90-59-00E, consists of one drilling rig and at least 120 tents in four camps (Figure 2). The drilling rig is located immediately north of the northernmost tent camp.

3. The Lin-po Oilfield [redacted], located at 31-58-00N 89-46-00E, consists of one drilling rig and one tent camp of approximately 30 tents/sheds (Figure 3). An associated camp consisting of approximately ten tents/sheds is located 1 nautical mile west-northwest of the drilling site.

4. Since no associated activities were located at or near either site, the relatively large number of tents at both sites cannot be explained.

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FIGURE 2. LHASA PROBABLE OILFIELD, CHINA

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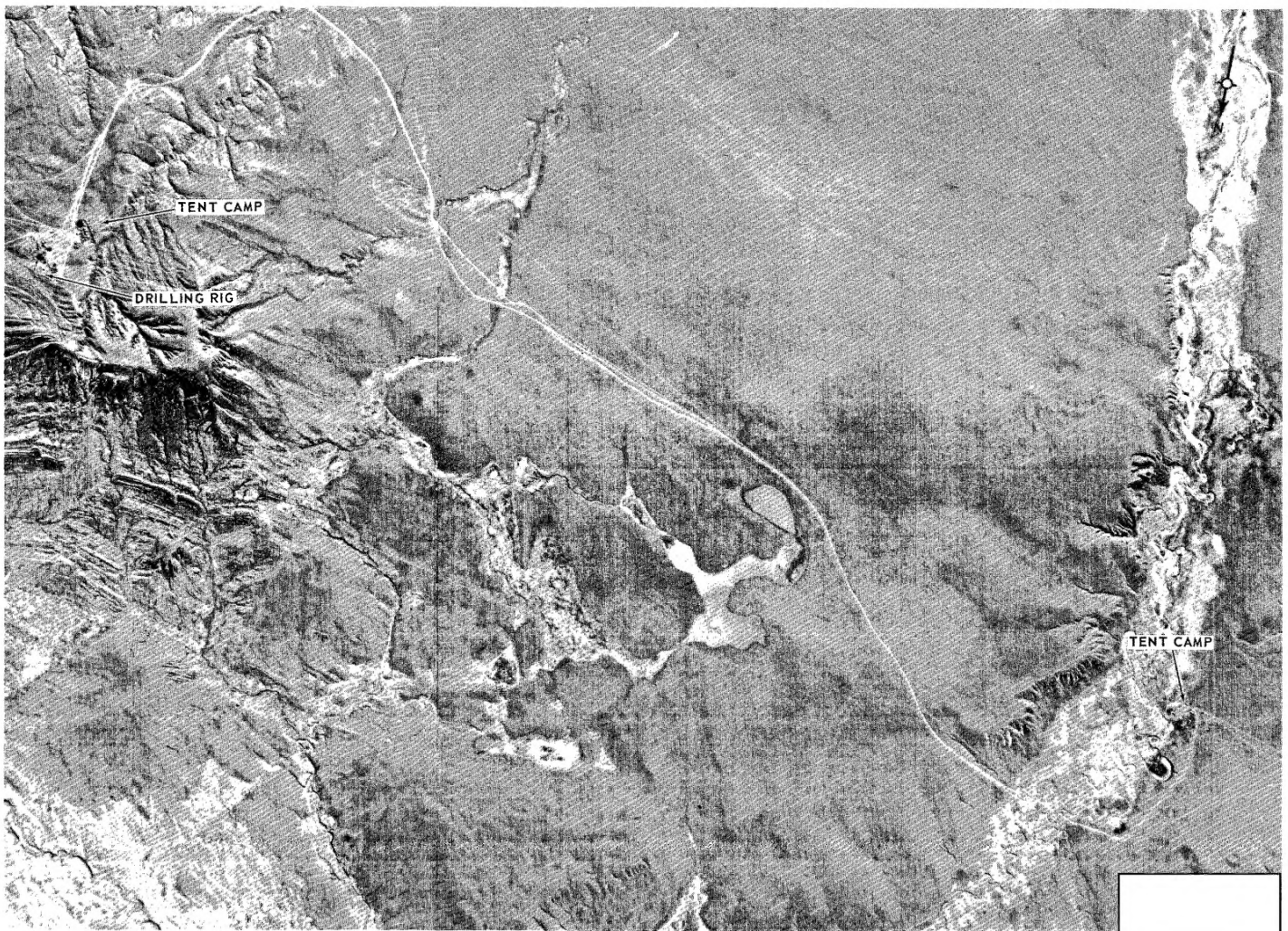


FIGURE 3. LIN-PO OILFIELD, CHINA

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